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SUBJECT: EIGHTH SPECIAL SESSION ON UNIFIL FINANCING

REFS: (A) USUN 1302 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 1304 (NOTAL)

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2. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO THE FURTHERANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO THE REPUTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDE FOR UNIFIL FINANCING IN AN EQUITABLE AND BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER.

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